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### Subpart 213.1—Procedures

#### 213.101 General.

Structure awards valued above the micro-purchase threshold (e.g., contract line items, delivery schedule, and invoice instructions) in a manner that will minimize the generation of in-

voices valued at or below the micropurchase threshold.

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### 213.106-1-70 Soliciting competition—tiered evaluation of offers.

- (a) The tiered or cascading order of precedence used for tiered evaluation of offers shall be consistent with FAR part 19.
- (b) Consideration shall be given to the tiers of small businesses (e.g., 8(a), HUBZone small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, small business) before evaluating offers from other than small business concerns.
- (c) Before issuing a solicitation with a tiered evaluation of offers—(1) The contracting officer shall conduct market research, in accordance with FAR part 10 and part 210, to determine—
- (i) Whether the criteria in FAR part 19 are met for setting aside the acquisition for small business; or
- (ii) For a task or delivery order, whether there are a sufficient number of qualified small business concerns available to justify limiting competition under the terms of the contract; and
- (2) If the contracting officer cannot determine whether the criteria in paragraph (c)(1) of this section are met, the contracting officer shall include a written explanation in the contract file as to why such a determination could not be made (Section 816 of Public Law 109-163).

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#### Subpart 213.2—Actions at or Below the Micro-Purchase Threshold

### 213.270 Use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

Use the Governmentwide commercial purchase card as the method of purchase and/or method of payment for purchases valued at or below the micro-purchase threshold. This policy